

Rotary

Club of Front Royal



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Rotary Club of Front Royal Contributes \$80,267 In FY2016-2017

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Front Royal – The Rotary Club of Front Royal announced this week that it contributed a total of \$80,267 to the local Front Royal-Warren County community as well as the global community served by Rotary International during the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year.

Among the larger contributions made during the year include:

- \$ 13,000 Scholarships to Four Seniors from Warren County Public and Private Schools
- \$ 6,000 Rotary District 7570 Project – Tower Garden Project
- \$ 5,087 Rotary Foundation – Annual Fund
- \$ 5,000 Annual Grant – Ressie Jeffries Elementary – Playground
- \$ 5,000 Rockland Park Shelter Project
- \$ 4,000 Community Foundation – Rotary Scholarship Program
- \$ 2,500 Annual Grant – Warren County Humane Society
- \$ 2,387 Rotary Foundation – PolioPlus
- \$ 2,364 Miscellaneous Community Support
- \$ 2,310 Youth Leadership Conference
- \$ 2,000 Blue Ridge Arts Council
- \$ 1,735 Warren County Backpack Program
- \$ 1,711 Northern Virginia 4-H Center – Shelter Fan Project
- \$ 1,640 Camp Fantastic

- \$ 1,374 Doc Smith Christmas Baskets
- \$ 1,316 Interact Clubs at Warren County High School, Warren County Middle, Randolph Macon Academy, and Front Royal Christian School
- \$ 1,138 Warren County – Eastham Park Bench
- \$ 1,026 Dictionary Project

Among the larger projects, the Club contributed \$5,000 to Ressie Jeffries Elementary School for its project to construct a new playground as part of its renovation. In addition to the donation, the club pledged \$5,000 per year over the next five years as a match to the Ressie Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). When the funds are matched, the playground project should be fully funded.

The Club also made its fifth and final donation payment to Warren County for the construction of the Rotary Shelter at Rockland Park.



Past Presidents Debra Morfit and Ron Llewellyn Dedicate the Rotary Shelter at Rockland Park in 2014

Club President Rick Novak said, “The Rotary Club of Front Royal supports a large number of projects and organizations in the local community. Without the support of our club members, corporate sponsors, and those who support our fundraisers and events we would not be able to have this large of an impact in our community. It is truly amazing what a Rotary Club can accomplish with the help of it’s community business partners and motivated volunteers””



Past President Jennifer McDonald Presenting \$5,000 Annual Grant Check to Ressie Jeffries Principal Doris Dean

According to former Club President and Sponsorship Chairman Doug Stanley, “One of the great jobs that a Club President gets to do is to present the checks at the end of the year to the organizations that our Club supports. The Club works hard to raise money starting July 1st of each year, only to give it all away and start over. Jennifer McDonald not only did an excellent job of leading the club in the past but she was able to help our Club expand its reach into the community.”



Past President Jennifer McDonald Presenting WCPS Superintendent Greg Drescher with a Check for \$1,000 to Purchase Books for the Middle School Classroom Libraries

Outgoing Club President Jennifer McDonald stated, “It wasn’t until I became Past President that I realized the extent of what our Club gives back to the community. Being a part of an organization that gives back 100% of the money raised throughout the year is a very rewarding feeling. Over \$80,000 was handed out this past year and that is a remarkable thing to be a part of and it continues to get better.”

Jennifer also noted that the Club members helped out in many other ways including passing the hat and raising \$2,214 at a Club meeting to help victims of the West Virginia Flood and raising several thousand dollars for the Salvation Army’s Annual Kettle Campaign.

Please contact Doug Stanley at rugbee@embarqmail.com by October 1, 2017 if you are interested in supporting the Rotary Club of Front Royal through its annual sponsorship campaign.

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